

Remarks

A. Pending Claims

Claims 121, 123-126, 128-139 and 146-154 are pending. 140-145, and 1691-1718 have been cancelled. Claims 121, 123-126, 128-139 and 146-154 have been allowed.

Applicant requests entry of new claims 1719-1763.

B. New Claims

New independent claim 1719 is similar to independent claim 121 with “oil shale formation” substituted for “hydrocarbon containing formation”. Claim 1719 is similar to allowed claim 153. Claims 1720-1742 are dependent claims of independent claim 1719. The dependent claims correspond to claims 123-126, 128-139, and 146-152 with the dependency changed to reflect independent claim 1719 or the proper intervening claim.

New independent claim 1743 is similar to independent claim 121 with “coal formation” substituted for “hydrocarbon containing formation”. Claim 1743 is similar to allowed claim 154. Claims 1744-1763 are dependent claims of independent claim 1743. The dependent claims correspond to claims 123-126, 128-130, 133, 135-139, and 146-152 with the dependency changed to reflect independent claim 1743 or the proper intervening claim.

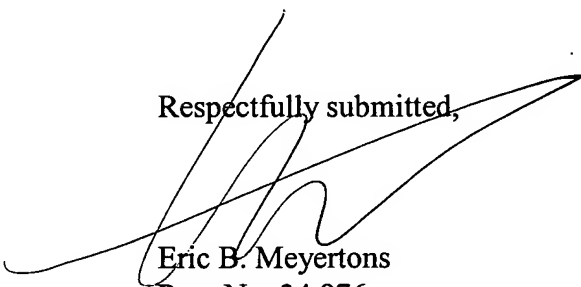
Applicant requests entry of new claims 1719-1763 if the claims are allowable. Should new claims 1719-1763 require additional search or otherwise make the claims not in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that new claims 1719-1763 not be entered and the pending claims 121, 123-126, 128-139 and 146-154 be allowed.

C. Additional Comments

Applicant submits that all claims, including new claims 1719-1763, are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time. A fee authorization is enclosed to cover the fee for the one-month extension of time. If any additional fees are required, please appropriately charge those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzl, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5659-21400/EBM.

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